

Moses' Availability (Exodus 3:1-12)

Proposition: In this text we find four actions, that if we will allow ourselves to follow them, God can and will use our best ability (our availability) to impact time and eternity!

I. Copy the Activity of a Servant (Vs. 1-4)

- A. A Common Activity (Vs. 1)
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- B. A Powerful Appeal (Vs. 10b)
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- A. The Absence of Assurance (Vs. 11)
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A young lawyer sat at his desk and carried on this conversation with himself: What are you going to do when you finish your apprenticeship?

Answer: Hang out my shingle and practice law, of course! What then?

Answer: Why, make a lot of money! What then? Answer: When I get rich

I shall retire! What then? Answer: Well, I'll die! What then? His whole

body trembling, Charles G. Finney rushed out of the office and ran to a

park some few yards away. He remained there in prayer, vowing he

would not return to his office or to his room until he had settled his life

work. He saw himself as he was, selfish, ambitious, sinful. He gave

himself for the Lord to use. Leaving the park, Finney stepped out strong

in faith in God, to a life of usefulness rarely paralleled in the last two

centuries. Moses had to make a choice between an obscure and trivial

life and a life that counted. Moses like Charles G. Finney made himself

available to God!

Although, Moses would one day go down in History as a man greatly used of God, in our text we find him completely unknown to the world on the backside of the desert, performing the basest I. Copy the Activity of a Servant - Most of the time when God calls people into his service, their testimony could be, I was slaving A. A Common Activity - Remember Moses spent 40 years as son of Pharaoh. Enjoying palace life. After a failed attempt to deliver one hebrew, he fled to Midian, the next 40 years were spent as a shepherd. A life of difficulty. Doing what he knew to do, God sold

calls on those that will not press as the command is

B. A Curious Actuality - God is initiating a response from Moses. God always initiates. A Burning Bush. Vs 3. A Curiosity in what God was doing. This strange site kindled an interest. Many of us are so preoccupied w/ world that we miss out on God's call. Don't you have an interest and a desire to follow God ^{in what he's doing} to take part in

C. A Confessing Actuality - The inquiring response of Moses, prompt further revelation from God, He called his name, if you won't respond to the tasks and the truth before you now God will never entrust you w/ further revelation. God called Moses on several. The constant character of this ³ confession is that

II. Count on the Approach of the Sovereign

④ James 4:8 says... This is clearly seen in these verses. God initiates, Moses responds, God further

A. The Command of His Approach - When we make ourselves available to God we will gain a fresh sense of just who is calling us, A Holy God! A God that commands our awe and respect. M. H. We ought to approach to God w/ solemn pause and preparation.

B. The Character of His Approach - Then God begins to further reveal who he is. Note I am the Ie God of... Not I was. Was would be the correct tense for these

1) ...the basest of jobs, that of shepherding a flock. Unknown to the world, yes. But God knew exactly where he was and intended to use this unknown shepherd to do great and mighty things that Moses could not even imagine at the time. The Moses in Exodus Ch. 3 is not unlike you and I, common folk, relatively unknown, nothing extraordinarily noteworthy about our lives. Yet like Moses, when we make our ordinary lives available for God's use, He can do the extraordinary! In this text we find four actions, that if we will allow ourselves to follow them, God can and will use our best ability (our availability) to impact time and eternity!

2) ...standing on the street corner, minding my own business when all of a sudden out of no where God came a calling! That's what seemed to happen to Moses.

3) ...is that in every case, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, and Moses they never knew what God was calling them to before they made themselves available to God. Most of us want to know beforehand, so we can taste test it, and snarl our lips and reject it if it doesn't fit our taste palate.

4) James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...

1) ...person you are working for. In Moses case, the character of God is necessary to invigorate the servant for the task of the Sovereign. When you release your self to do the will of God no matter the cost of difficulty, God will reveal more and more of Himself to you, to strengthen you for the task ahead.

2) ...God sees the need of our families, our churches, our community and proactively sets out to deliver, to save, to care for this sin broken world.

3) ...But God chooses to accomplish His works, His tasks, His mission through frail feeble clay called man.

4) Matthew 28:18-19 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

that were dead. God is revealing his power in the fact that preserves the life of the righteous. It is best to know the character of the person ¹
C. The Concern of His Approach - What a glorious truth. The Sovereign God that manages the galaxies, controls the world, possesses the souls of both the living and the dead, hears and discerns the sorrows and afflictions of his creatures. God is motivated to meet the needs of the human condition. God sees ²

III. Concede to the Appeal for Service
Now God could have spoke to Pharaoh from the heavens, sent plagues, led people w/o Moses, but, God ³

A. A Personal Appeal - Notice the word in verse 9 "behold" look, see view. God is saying Moses, see what I see. Hear what I hear, the cry of the captives, see the bandage that I see. The driving force behind any service for God is that we see what he sees. To see the lost that

B. A Powerful Appeal - In his own power and ability, 40 years ago Moses could not deliver the Hebrews, but now God is giving the commission. All of the power that is need to accomplish what ever task God sets before us. Jesus echoes this in Matthew 28, Great Commis. ⁴

C. A Purposeful Appeal - This call was not to make a grand and glorious leader

out of Moses. To make him one of the most prominent characters in scripture and to meet the need of hurting people. Don't let you chest and pride in the fact that God has called or burdened you, thinking you can be the

IV. Confide in the Assurance of His Speech
A washed out has been shepherd, has been given the task of birthing a nation. Have you ever felt like

A. The Absence of Assurance - Who am I? More often than not, Who am I? often follows "Here am I." I'm a no body. I tried that before and it just didn't work. I'm not cut out for this task. I'm available, I'm just not too sure. Oh that's exactly what God is looking for! 1 Cor 1:26-29 says for God

as one of my preacher buddies says, He doesn't call B. The Assurance of Assurance - Not only am I going to send you, but I'm going to go with you. Moses you are not up for the task. But I am and I am going with you! And w/ God all things are possible. Not only a present assurance (Trust Me) but a progressive assurance. When you get back here you will know that I've called & equipped you.

V. Close 2 Cor 11:29 But are you available. When God called initially, I was not finally year later "Here am I."

1) ...next DL Moody or Billy Graham! God has burdened you to meet the needs of the lost, the hurting, the dying! Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. My preacher used to say: "It's about people, people, and more people!"

2) ...ever felt like you were not up to the challenge?

3) 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

4) ...doesn't call the qualified, but he qualifies the called!

5) Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

